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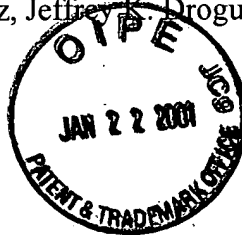
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Information Disclosure Statement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above identified patent application. Copies of the identified references are enclosed.

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Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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